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Donations pour in for Mysuru Zoo

- District Minister donates Rs. 1.19 crore; Food & Civil Supplies Minister hands over Rs. 8 lakh
- Minister Somashekar writes to Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty for funds

Ministers S.T. Somashekar and K. Gopalaiah seen handing over the cheques and Demand Draft to Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni this morning as ZAK Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi and others look on.

Mysuru, May 2 (MTY&KS)- Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar, who had donated Rs. 73.60 lakh collected from the people of his Yeshwanthpur Constituency (Bengaluru) for maintenance of Mysuru Zoo on Apr. 29, has again donated Rs. 45.30 lakh to the Zoo this morning. The Minister so far has donated Rs. 1,18,90,000.

Somashekar handed over the donation in the form of cheque and Demand Draft (DD) to Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni in the presence of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Legal Metrology Department Minister K. Gopalaiah, Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi and others in the Zoo premises.

In another development, Minister Somashekar has written to Chairperson of Infosys Foundation Sudha Murty appealing her to provide financial aid to the Zoo on behalf of the Foundation.

The letter has been written on May 1 wherein the Minister said that the 125-year-old Zoo was a self-reliant institution that has not depended on Government grants since 2002. Instead, it maintains itself out of the money raised from gate ticket collection.

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Armed Forces

to conduct fly-pasts tomorrow

To shower petals on COVID Hospitals

New Delhi, May 2 (UNI)- India's Armed Forces will conduct fly-pasts, light up ships at sea and shower flower petals on hospitals in an elaborate display on Sunday (May 3) to thank doctors, medical staff and other frontline workers battling the COVID-19 outbreak, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat said on Friday.

"The Air Force will conduct fly-pasts from Srinagar to Thiruvananthapuram and another from Dibrugarh in Assam to Kutch in Gujarat on May 3 to express gratitude to all COVID-19 Warriors. It will include both transport and fighter aircraft.

"On May 3, there are some special activities that the nation will get to witness from all the three Services," the CDS said. IAF will also be showering petals on hospitals across the country which are involved in the fight against COVID-19.

"The Army on its part will conduct mounted band displays along some of the COVID-19 hospitals in almost every district of our country. To express solidarity that we stand by our Police personnel, the Armed Forces will also lay wreaths at the Police Memorial on May 3," he added.

"We (wish to) convey our gratitude to each and every Corona Warrior and all the citizens of our nation. The nation stood together, it showed resilience to overcome this crisis. In our country, everybody understands that when it comes to the nation we have to stand together," he added.

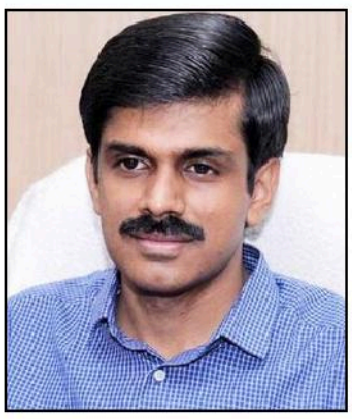
The "gesture of special gratitude" will consist of the Air Force conducting fly-pasts "from Kashmir to Kanyakumari (and) from Assam in the northeast to Kutch in Gujarat". Meanwhile, the Navy will display its gratitude by lighting up ships stationed along India's shoreline, General Rawat added.

A third "gesture of special gratitude" will be helicopters showering petals on hospitals and army bands playing outside medical buildings in most districts. The announcements by the Chief of Defence Staff were welcomed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

DC withdraws Containment Zone orders in some areas

Mysuru, May 2- Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar has withdrawn the Containment Zone order imposed on a few areas in the city and in Nanjangud following the outbreak of COVID-19.

Sri Subhramanya Swamy Temple Road, Yaraganahalli New Layout, Sardar Vallabhai Patel Nagar, Lalithadripura, Basavanagudi Block in Nanjangud, Vijayanagar First Stage, Gokulam Ward 19 were declared as Containment Zones between Mar. 28 and Apr. 3. As no positive cases were reported in 28 days, the orders were withdrawn.



Abhiram G. Sankar

However, other areas like Meena Bazaar, Teachers Layout, Janata Nagar, Housing Board Colony in Kuvempunagar, Vijayanagar Second Stage, Jayalakshmipuram, Nazarbad, J.P. Nagar and Srirampura Second Stage will remain Containment Zones until further orders. If no positive cases are reported in 28 days, the containment orders will be withdrawn.

The DC had ordered these areas as Containment Zones as per the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and as per the Epidemic Diseases and COVID-19 Regulations, 2020, following the outbreak of COVID-19 in these areas.

Hundreds benefit from COVID-19 Mobile Clinics

Mysuru, May 2 (PM&BNR)- Everyday hundreds of people are being benefited by the COVID-19 Mobile Clinics, launched by the Mysuru District Administration on Apr.29, with the motto 'Doctors at your doorstep.'

Thermal screening being a mandatory procedure in the Mobile Clinic service, so far no COVID-19 symptoms have been reported. Elderly citizens are making most of the service with more people undergoing BP and Sugar level testing.

While there were 10 Mobile Clinics during the launch on Wednesday (Apr.29), two more were added on Day-2 taking the number to 12 such facility.

On Day-1 (Apr.29): 10 Mobile Clinics covered Mandakalli, Ramabainagar, Gundurao Nagar, Gokulam 2nd Stage – Pourakarmika Colony, Giriyabovipalya, Basavanagudi – Hebbal, Manchegowdana Koppal, Kailasapuram, Kurimandi and Highway Circle. A total of 650 patients were screened. And on request from the residents of Ramabainagar, mobile clinic was made to visit the area on Day-2 as well.

Day-2 (Apr.30): 12 Mobile Clinics covered Jyothinagar, Gandhinagar, Srinagar, Satyanagar, Mandi Mohalla, B.M. Sri Nagar, Manjunathapura, A.K. Colony, Chinnagiri Koppal, Ramabainagar, Sunnadakeri and Medarakeri and screened over 1,450 people.

Day-3 (May 1): 12 teams screened 1,439 people in the areas covering Kyathamaranahalli, Kesare, Shantinagar, Raghavendranagar, Ittigegud, Janatanagar, Nachanahallipalya, Ashokapuram, Tilak Nagar, Nurse Quaters, Kumbarakoppal and Medar Block.

Day-4 (May 2): Areas to be covered include Hosakeri, T.K. Layout, Lakshmikanta Nagar, Lashkar Mohalla, Kukkarahalli, Nandagokula, Janata Layout, Mahadeshwara Layout, N.R. Mohalla, Bannimantap, K.R. Pura and Moveen Nagar.

The Medical teams are equipped with Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and thermal screeners. Concentrating mainly on COVID-19 hotspots, the vehicles will be stationed at Anganawadi, School or Community Building and serve the people of that particular area. Health check-up and necessary medicines are being provided for free in the Mobile Clinics.

Respective MCC Zonal Officers and staff are overseeing the social distancing measures at the spot of health check-up. Also, the respective Ward Health Inspector will be In-charge of the health screening programme.

Strong people stand up for themselves, but stronger people stand up for others…

Mysuru youth travels to Bengaluru to get cancer drugs for a stranger!

Mysuru, May 2- Who ever thought that there would come a day when groceries, vegetables, medicines and other essential goods are to be bought online, at the click of a button? Thanks to Coronavirus, now almost everyone knows online transactions, online shopping, making 'Digital India' a reality, but at such a desperate time!

Even in Mysuru, there are so many stores delivering all essential goods including medicines to the doorstep of the citizens helping the District Administration break the outbreak chain and keeping the public safe. There are so many unsung heroes who have turned Corona Warriors and here is a story of one such hero.

A cancer patient, on medication, recently visited Lakshmipuram Police Station to obtain a pass to travel to Bengaluru to get his medicines which isn't available here. With no public transport available, there is no go than to travel in one's own personal vehicle. Around the same time, a member of Mysuru Yuva Samaja, M.N. Mahadev Prasad (Prasadi) was also at the Police Station, seeking permission to travel to Bengaluru for some urgent personal reasons. Mahadev Prasad, who listened to the plight of the cancer patient, assured him of getting the medicines from Bengaluru.

During these difficult times, travelling to Bengaluru, even in your own vehicle, with permission, is no joke. You will be stopped at every junction, asked about why you are outside the house, what is the purpose of your travel and should be carrying valid pass issued by the authorities concerned.

In spite of all these hurdles, Mahadev Prasad managed to reach Bengaluru, finished his work, also went to one particular medical store where the medicines were available and then came back to Mysuru. He then went back to Lakshmipuram Police Station along with Samaja Head Umesh, wherein he delivered the medicines to the cancer patient.

S.T. Somashekar calls on Ganapathy Swamiji

Mysuru, May 2 (RKB&BNR)- Co-operation and Mysuru District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar visited Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Ooty Road in city on Wednesday and sought the blessings of Sri Swamiji, who has been helping the needy during the COVID-19 crisis.

The Swamiji had handed over Rs.5 lakh cheque to S.A. Ramdas towards PM CARES Fund; Rs. 15 lakh to MP Pratap Simha and Rs. 9 lakh to former MLA M.K. Somashekar towards distribution of food; Rs. 4 lakh to former MLC G. Madhusudan and violinist Vid. Mysore Nagaraj in support of musicians.

The Ashram has also distributed sanitisers, masks and gloves to 3,000 people including Pourakarmikas apart from donating 30,000 kg rice, 3,000 kg dal and 3,000 litre cooking oil, worth Rs.18 lakh, to the District Administration, said Minister Somashekar appreciating the concerns of Sri Swamiji.

Ashram's Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji, District Co-operative Union President H.V. Rajeev, Director Manjegowda, Ashram's Spokesperson and Hotelier M. Rajendra were present during the Minister's visit.

No face masks: MCC officials collect Rs. 18,400 fine from flouters

Mysuru, May 2 (MTY&KS)- The MCC Health officials, who conducted an operation in all nine MCC Zones against those not wearing face masks, have collected a total fine of Rs. 18,400 yesterday.

The details of fines collected in all nine zones is as follows: Zone1-Rs.1,000; Zone 2-Rs. 3,900; Zone 3-Rs. 800; Zone 4-Rs.1,100; Zone 5-Rs. 3,000; Zone 6-Rs. 1,800; Zone 7-Rs. 3,900; Zone 8-Rs.1,900 and Zone 9-Rs.1.000. The MCC officials have urged the public to wear face masks which is mandatory and avoid being penalised.

VOICE OF THE READER

A well-analysed letter on COVID-19

Sir,

I wish to thank Prof. K.V. Satyan for his well-written analysis of current situation, more particularly of NRI grandparents (letter titled 'A curse called Corona in 'SOM' dated Apr.29).

Incidentally, we are also stuck in Dallas, Texas, albeit in the cosy comforts of our daughter and son-in-law's home amidst two lovely grandkids in lock-down mode.

What Prof. Satyan has expressed in his letter resonates not only my view of the pandemic, but also of many similarly placed elders, particularly in countries like USA , where our Embassies (Government) have not yet come up with a repatriation plan for stranded tourists like us, in America.

Most of us are under Indian medicines, the stocks of which are depleting and not brave enough to risk trying local alternative.

Through 'SOM,' I appeal to the authorities to ensure our safe return plan to India in the current situation. We on our part want to return without being infected or infecting others (not put pressure on the already pressurised Corona Warriors).

Hope my appeal reaches the concerned and a positive way out is planned for people like us.

— Santhan Rao
Camp: Dallas
30.4.2020

CS exams postponed

Mysuru, May 2- The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), after due consideration of the prevalent situation and subsequent lockdown, has decided to postpone its examinations (June - 2020 session) of Foundation, Executive and Professional Programme and Post Membership Qualification (PMQ) scheduled to be held from June 1 to June 10, 2020.

The examinations of the above session will now commence from July 6.

The revised schedule will be announced later, according to a press release.

MRC Eye Hospital to open from May 4

Mysuru, May 2- The Mysore Race Club (MRC) Eye Hospital at Siddarthanagar, which was closed following the lockdown, will be functioning from May 4 from 8.30 am to 2 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2472102, according to a press release.

Obituary

D. Somashekar

Mysuru, May 2- Advocate D. Somashekar (53), son of former City Congress President C. Dasegowda, passed away following a heart attack last night.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this noon, according to family sources.

Girija Gowda

Girija Gowda (74), wife of late Prof. H.H. Annaiah Gowda and a resident of Jayalakshmipuram, passed away on Apr. 20 in city.

She leaves behind two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed on Apr. 20 in Mysuru, according to family sources.

G. Prasad

G. Prasad (58), senior journalist and a resident of Karnataka Housing Board Colony in Nanjangud, passed away at a private hospital in city following brief illness on Saturday.

Prasad was the Treasurer of Nanjangud Taluk Journalists Association and was also associated with Nanjangud Taluk Veerashaiva Mahasabha.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends, according to family sources.

Lt. Gen. P.C. Thimayya retires as GOC-in-C Army Training Command (ARTRAC)

Shimla, May 2- Lieutenant General P.C. Thimayya, who was serving as the 21st General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Army Training Command (GOC-in-C, ARTRAC) here, retired from service after duty hours on April 30, 2020, an Army official said.

Lieutenant General Pattacheruvanda Chengappa Thimayya, PVSM, VSM, ADC, had assumed office on Nov. 1, 2018 from Lt. Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane.

Profile: P.C. Thimayya was born on April 4, 1960 in Chettalli, Virajpet, Kodagu and is the son of late Pattacheruvanda Ponnappa Changappa and Gauru Changappa. An alumnus of Sainik School, Bhubaneswar; National Defence Academy, Pune and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, he was a Sword of Honour winner at the Indian Military Academy.

Thimayya was commissioned into Mechanised Infantry Regiment in 1981. He has served on both the Western and Eastern fronts. He has commanded a Mechanised Infantry Brigade; a Strike RAPID Division and X Corps - Bhatinda (July 5, 2017 - July 20, 2018). His staff appointments include Commandant of Army War College, Mhow; and Integrated Army HQ at MoD.

He was promoted to Lieutenant General on January 5, 2017. He has also served as a Military Observer on the UN Mission in Angola and as a Defence Attache to Bangladesh. He was the Colonel of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment.

Lt. Gen. Thimayya is married to Neena Thimayya and they have two sons — Akshay is studying Mass Communication and Arjun is serving in the Indian Navy.

Lt. Gen. Thimayya is decorated with Param Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal for his meritorious service.

To settle down in Mysuru

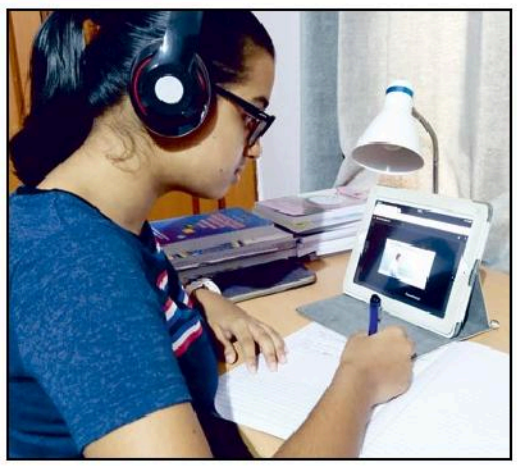
Lt. General P.C. Thimayya, PVSM, VSM, who retired with effect from May 1, 2020, after a long meritorious service, intends to settle down in Mysuru city, according to President of Mysuru-based VeKare Ex-servicemen Trust, Veteran Sgt. Mandetira N. Subramani.

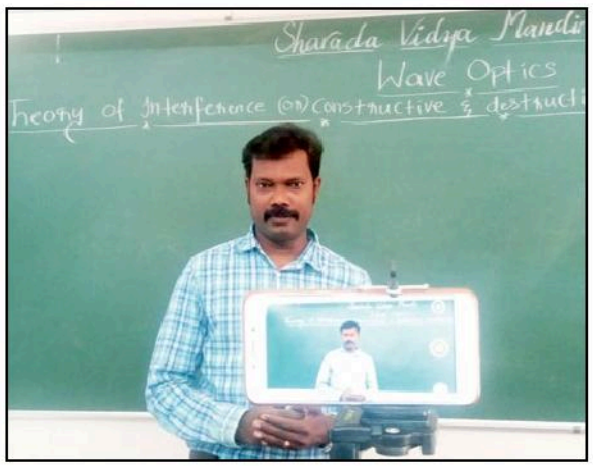
Speaking to 'SOM' yesterday, he said that Lt. Gen. Thimayya wishes to work for the welfare of Ex-servicemen by taking up their just causes in Mysuru and neighbouring districts in Southern Region of Karnataka.

Subramani also said that Lt. Gen. Thimayya would be the first Army Commander and Defence Officer of the rank of Lt. Gen. settling down in Mysuru city after retirement.

Lt. Gen. P.C. Thimayya** (left), **GOC-in-C, ARTRAC, handing over charge as Colonel of the Mech Infantry Regiment to Lt. Gen. R.P. Singh, GOC-in-C Western Command, prior to his retirement on April 30, 2020.

Digital Learning at Sharada Vidya Mandir





Sagar

Mysuru, May 2- Sharada Vidya Mandir (SVM), Sri Jayachamarajendra PU College, Mysuru, has begun digital learning classes to provide education solution to students through its new video-taped (digitalised classes). Technology should be utilised in such difficult times (COVID-19) which could be a simple solution for a number of students who can be educated by staying at home safe and study.

The gap between the teachers and students is bridged with the help of technology at SVM. The lessons are video-taped and uploaded to the Google drive and the sharable link of the video is sent to the students.

This system of communication with students is user (students) and teacher-friendly. Students can download and watch the video whenever they can and also repeat it for any clarification. This method helps students who cannot afford Wi-Fi, Internet or attend online classes, and also helps students in rural areas who face electricity and internet issues.

In this regard, SVM has also formed a CET, NEET and JEE WhatsApp group where students receive synopsis, MCQs and answer key on daily basis and the progress of the students are often checked in video calling and discussing with the teachers over call, said C. Sagar Chakravarthy, Acting Principal, Sharada Vidya Mandir.

Digital learning is different from the traditional face-to-face teaching. The importance of the teacher being there and being mentally present with the students at least on their computer screen or mobile phones is more important than nothing, said Saniha Jain, a student of SVM.

Rajasthan's 170 migrant workers

wait for their special train from Mysuru

By Rajkumar Bhavasar

Mysuru, May 2- Thousands of migrant workers have been stranded in places across the country since the nationwide lockdown was enforced on Mar. 25. To ease the situation, the Centre on Friday gave its nod for stranded migrant workers, students and others to return home by "Shramik Special" trains that will be run by the Indian Railways.

In Mysuru, there are over 170 migrant workers from Rajasthan who are now left stranded due to the COVID-19 lockdown. They have been provided shelter at the CITB Choultry in Siddarthanagar. They are desperately waiting for the District Administration to transport them back to Rajasthan in any one of the "Shramik Special" trains.

"We have seen the news on TV and have read in Rajasthani newspapers that many from our native places who were stranded across the country have been sent home through the Shramik Special trains. Even we want to go home but so far no official has approached us with a return home plan," Rehman Khan, a Paani Puri seller told 'Star of Mysore' this morning.

"We are desperate to go home and we know that authorities from many districts are arranging either for special trains or buses to reach the connecting destinations from where the train starts or halts to pick up migrants. So far no official has approached us and we urge them to send us home," said Kaalu Singh, a street food vendor who was eking out a living in Mysuru.

These workers, along with their families, had come to Mysuru years ago and earned their livelihood by selling roadside snacks. But following the lockdown, these families had earlier planned to return to their native places in Rajasthan.

As planned, they left for Rajasthan in two trucks on Mar.30 and had entered Maharashtra when they were stopped by the Maharashtra Police near Solapur. Despite repeated pleas, the Police did not allow them to proceed further and left with no other option, they returned to Mysuru on Apr.1, when they were intercepted by the city Police on the Ring Road at Alanahalli. Later, the District Administration sheltered them in CITB Choultry at Siddarthanagar where they are just dreaming when they will be able to return to Rajasthan.

Rehman Khan rued that they could not stay with their families when all others are spending quality time with family in their homes during the lockdown. Pointing out that he was staying with his family in Mysuru for the past few years, he said that all his extended family members resided in Rajasthan and all of them wanted him back.

Like Rehman Khan, so has been the case of most other Rajasthani families. These families who are mostly street vendors and food sellers, live in rented houses at villages located close to the city such as Rammanahalli, Hullahalli, Kuderu and Mooguru while some stay in Nanjangud and distant localities of the city.

Among those sheltered include a couple of pregnant women and lactating mothers, a three-month-old infant, 22 children and 23 women. Although the District Administration is providing them food, they are finding it difficult to adjust to the food given to them as they are very much accustomed to their traditional Rajasthani food.

The Rajasthani families belong to Gadri Patel, Vaishnav, Rajput, Rawat and Daangi communities while some others come from Muslim community.

Railway PRO clarifies

Meanwhile, the South Western Railways has clarified that the State Government is the final authority to decide as to who will travel in the special trains. "These are special trains planned for nominated people identified and registered by State Governments. No one under any circumstance should come to Railway Station looking for trains. We will not issue any tickets to any individual or entertain any request from any group or individual. We will allow only those passengers to board whom State Government officials will bring to Railway Stations," clarified Chief Public Relations Officer, South Western Railway.

Corona Warriors feted on Labour Day

In order to express their gratitude towards Health Department, ASHA Activists, Police Personnel and Pourakarmikas, who are working day and night in fight against the pandemic, Mysuru Janamana Vedike, led by its President and Corporator M.V. Ramprasad, felicitated Health Inspector Manjunath, ASHA Activists Manjula and Tulasi, Pourakarmika Sharadamma and Policewoman Shwetha on the occasion of May Day (Labour Day) yesterday. Vedike's Srinath, C. Sandeep, Manjula, Somesh, Santhosh, Dharmendra, Advait and Shivu were present.

Online music programmes by Ganabharathi

Vid. Rakesh Sudhir and Vid. Sai Shivu Lakshmi Keshav

Mysuru, May 2- As Music Sabhas are not able to arrange any concerts with the COVID-19 lockdown in place, in an effort to reach out to the art and music lovers, Ganabharathi is arranging online programmes between 6 pm and 7 pm on specified days, according to a press release from Dr. C.G. Narasimhan, President, Ganabharathi.

Interested may log on to the facebook link of Ganabharathi https://www.facebook.com/ganabharati/

Events Today (May 2)

6 pm to 6.45 pm: Flute Recital by Vid. Rakesh Sudhir.

6.45 pm to 7 pm: Mridanga Solo by Vid. Sai Shivu Lakshmi Keshav.

District Minister visits kitchen set up by MLA

Mysuru, May 2 (MTY & BNR)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar, this morning, visited the kitchen set up by MLA S.A. Ramdas near Vivekananda Circle in Vivekananda Nagar here to provide food to labourers who are rendered jobless due to COVID-19 lockdown.

Every day, 4,000 people are served food from this kitchen where hundreds of volunteers are preparing and packing food in a hygienic environment.

Minister appreciated the efforts of Ramdas in serving the needy and also expressed gratitude to all other individuals and organisations who are helping the needy at this hour of crisis.

Youth in soup for catching rare Mahseer fish at Harangi

The species is critically endangered Hump Backed or Orange Fin Mahseer

Kushalnagar / Mysuru,May 2- The youth who had caught a 38-kg fish at Harangi backwaters in Kodagu district on Apr. 29 is in a fix now as the fish has turned out to be Mahseer (not Catla as reported earlier). Angling Mahseer is prohibited as it is on the list of endangered species.

Soon after the youth, identified as Praveesh, caught the giant fish and uploaded the photographs on social media, the same was published first in *Star of Mysore*. The fish was later sold in the local market. The news caught the attention of Fisheries Department in Somwarpet taluk who identified the fish as the endangered Mahseer.

A team comprising Fisheries Department Senior Assistant Director K.T. Darshan and others, seized the fishing tackle, hooks and other angling equipment from Praveesh. The Department has issued a notice to the President of Harangi Kaveri Meenugarara Sahakara Sangha, which has bagged the contract for fishing in Harangi backwaters.

Though the Association has the rights to fish in the Harangi backwaters, it cannot catch Mahseer as it is endangered species. The Association President said that a complaint will be lodged against Praveesh for catching the rare fish. Darshan said that though the Mahseer has a little resemblance to Catla, it is two different species. While Catla variety can weigh up to a maximum of 30 kgs, Mahseer can weigh up to 60 kgs, he said.

"The fish the youth had caught could be 20-year-old. It is very difficult to catch Mahseer and it could have been accidently caught. Karnataka's first Mahseer Fish Rearing Centre is situated in Harangi. Over 35,000 fingerlings of Mahseer varieties are produced and released by the Centre into River Cauvery and the Harangi backwaters every year in order to conserve the species," he added.

'Hump Backed or Orange Fin' Mahseer

According to Naren Sreenivasan Member, Governing Council and Conservation Sub-committee, Wildlife Association of South India (WASI), a conservation group, the fish that was caught in Harangi was 'Hump Backed or Orange Fin' Mahseer. This fish is listed in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s Red List as "Critically Endangered", just one level away from "Extinct in the Wild".

It is the largest of all known species of Mahseer in the world and it is endemic to the Cauvery River and its tributaries, and not found anywhere else. "The research field work conducted by WASI volunteers in conjunction with the Forest and Fisheries Departments of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala have so far identified isolated populations in a few rivers of the Cauvery Basin," he said.

Based on a proposal made by WASI, the Western Ghats Task Force has made a recommendation to the Government to declare the humpback Mahseer as the State Fish of Karnataka. WASI appeals to all anglers and fishers to release all Mahseer back into waters. "The fish may be photographed, weighed and measured in the shortest possible time (to minimise air exposure which is detrimental to the fish) before release," Naren said. More information can be obtained from *https://wasiindia.com*

City Railway Workshop manufactures Personal Protective Equipment

8 Mysuru Division employees manufacture 200 PPE suits under strict quality control

Hubballi / Mysuru, May 2 (UNI)- To supplement healthcare efforts of the Government in its fight against COVID-19, Railway Workshops across the nation including the one in Mysuru have started manufacturing PPEs suits (Personal Protective Equipment) to equip doctors and paramedical staff at Hospitals.

These PPEs are being used by medical personnel working in isolation areas and intensive care units to protect them from acquiring infections from suspected or confirmed COVID patients. Prior to March, 2020, they were not being manufactured in the country.

Anticipating huge requirement of PPEs arising in the near future, the Government of India made proactive efforts to promote their manufacturing in the country, "Make in India."

The Coveralls are being manufactured as per the guidelines issued by DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation). These Coveralls will serve as a robust line of defence for the doctors, paramedics and other personnel in the frontline. The sample developed by Jagadhri Workshop has been cleared by DRDO, to be confirming to the standards.

The South Western Railway (SWR) has started manufacturing high-quality PPE equipment from Apr. 21 as prescribed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The SWR Workshops at Hubballi and Mysuru have successfully replicated the high-quality PPE suits.

Till now, Hubballi Workshop has manufactured 450 Coveralls and Mysuru Workshop has manufactured 200 Coverall PPE suits under strict quality control as per the established standards.

A total of 20 staff, 12 from Hubballi Workshop and 8 from Mysuru Workshop, have been trained through videos to manufacture these Coveralls.

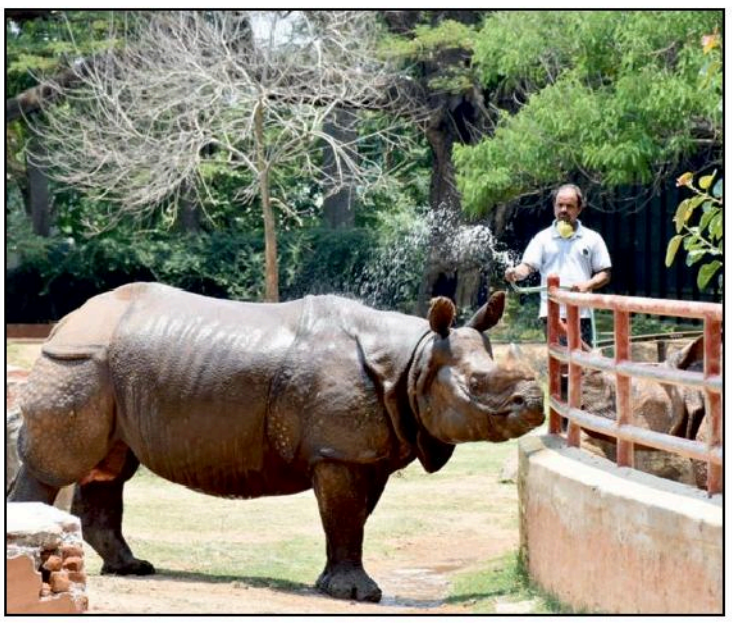
To further enhance the productions, both the Workshops are gearing up to manufacture a total of 3,900 by end of May 2020. Railways has planned to scale up manufacturing of PPE while adhering to strict quality controls as per the quality standards.

Material for manufacturing the PPE Coverall was received from Jagadhri, which is near several big textile industries in Punjab. The suit has been made with special fabric approved by the Coimbatore-based South India Textile Organisation, the sole research body in India to test samples of PPE manufactured across the country.

These Coveralls will go a long way in equipping doctors treating COVID-19 victims at Divisional Railway Hospital, Bengaluru, with 50 beds and 6 ICU beds and now converted as exclusive COVID Hospital. Similarly, doctors will also be equipped with Coveralls for treating patients at Divisional Railway Hospital, Mysuru, with 74 beds and at Central Hospital, Hubballi, with 30 beds converted as Isolation Blocks.

Donations pour in for Mysuru Zoo

Food and Civil Supplies Minister Gopalaiah and District Minister S.T. Somashekar distributing rice bags to Zoo employees.



A Zoo staff seen sprinkling water on a Rhinocerous at its enclosure this noon to beat the summer heat.

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Mentioning that the Zoo takes care of its animals well and has maintained international standards, the Minister appealed for financial grants from the Infosys Foundation to sustain the animals and birds, maintain the staff and also to tide over the COVID crisis.

After donating Rs. 45.30 lakh to the Zoo, Somashekar said that as the Zoo is not getting any revenue due to lockdown and as such, maintenance of the Zoo had become a problem. He said that he has also requested other Ministers, MLAs, MLCs and the public for financial help.

He stated that he had requested Food and Civil Supplies Minister Gopalaiah for help to which the Food Minister responded positively and donated Rs. 8 lakh for the maintenance of the Zoo besides distributing 25 kg rice each to all 300 Zoo staff.

Minister Gopalaiah said that after Somashekar explained to him about Mysuru Zoo, he collected the donations from the people of his Constituency and handed over the same to the Zoo authorities.

City's Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) also donated rusk and biscuits to the Zoo staff on the occasion.

Sthanakvasi Jain Yuvas distribute grocery kits to physically challenged

Mysuru, May 2- Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Yuva Sanghtan, Mysuru, distributed grocery kits to the needy physically challenged in Kuvempunagar on Thursday amidst COVID-19 lockdown.

This was the 29th phase of distribution since Mahaveer Jayanti.

Each kit contains daily essential grocery including Ragi, Wheat Flour, Ragi Flour, Dal, Edible Oil, Sugar, Coffee Powder, Tea Powder, Pickles etc.

City BJP President Srivatsa and former Corporator Shivakumar thanked the Sthanakvasi Jain Yuvas for their gesture.

Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Yuva Sanghatan President Rajan Baghmar, Jain Yuva Sanghatan Vice-President Manohar Sankhla, Co-ordinator Navratan Darla, Deepak Bohra, Jambu Lodha, Prakash Gandhi, Kamalkishore Lodha, Sanjay Kothari, Yashwant Mutha, Pramod Chopra, BJP OBC Cell Chief Jogi Manju and Secretary Ramesh were among those present.

COVID - 19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	4,762
Persons who have completed 14 days' isolation	:	4,648
Persons isolated in home for 14 days	:	93
Persons isolated in hospital for active cases	:	21
Total samples tested	:	4,342
Samples found negative	:	4,252
Samples found positive (cumulative)	:	90
Persons cured / discharged	:	69
Death toll so far in Mysuru	:	0

MANDYA

Total positive cases in Mandya	:	26
Persons cured / discharged	:	4
Death toll so far in Mandya	:	0

KARNATAKA & INDIA

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	601
Persons cured / discharged	:	271
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	25
Total active cases in India	:	26,167
Persons cured / discharged	:	9,950
Death toll so far in India	:	1,218

(Note: Figures till 5 pm)

REMEMBRANCE

Adengada A Annaiah
Retired Regional Manager
(DZM), LIC of India
DOB: 05-02-1941 DOD: 02-05-2019
Wife: Adengada Leela Annaiah
Sons, Daughters In Law & Grandchildren
Anil Annaiah, Ramya & Arav
Anosh Annaiah, Kajal & Anoshka

COVID-19 District Emergency Control Room

The Mysuru District Emergency Control Room for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is functional 24x7 and has a team of operators and medical professionals who are working in shifts. All related queries will be handled professionally and necessary guidance will be provided to all callers, according to Mysuru DC.

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